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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document (except U.S. patent document) is attached.

Documents AA and AF were cited in a European Search Report for a corresponding European patent application. The search report is also enclosed.

US Patent Nos. 4,697,431, 6,266,967, Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 9-99733, 2-71061 and 8-226716 were already filed by the previous Information Disclosure Statement dated February 10, 2004.

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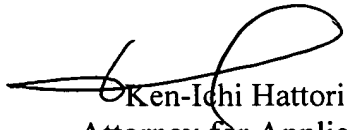
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